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## THE SUNSET LAW — II

by Edmund C. Berkeley, Editor

A number of our subscribers have responded to the editorial in the last issue: should not "PURSUIT" stop before too long? fade away into the sunset? A sampling of responses is printed in this issue; more responses will be printed in the next issue.

This publication has to be a business proposition: if the income it draws can pay for it, then it can survive; if the income cannot pay for it, then it has to stop. The following is a not unreasonable estimate of monthly income and expenses:

### Income per Month:

327 subscribers x \$9 annual average  
subscription / 12 months: \$245

### Expenses per Month:

Materials: Postage: 327 x 13 cents: 43  
Printing: 327 x 20 cents: 65  
Total Materials Expense: 108

Labor: Typesetting: 8 pages per issue  
x 2 hours per page @ \$3: 48

Editorial work: 5 hours @ \$5: 25  
Subscription record keeping:  
4 hours @ \$4: 16  
Affixing labels: 327 x 6 cents: 20  
Total Labor Expense: 109

Overhead (rent, electricity, taxes,  
repairs, stationery, telephone, super-  
vision, etc.): @ 80% of total labor: 87

Total Expenses per Month: 305

Loss per Month: 59

The best possible cure for this state of affairs if "PURSUIT" is to survive, is to get more subscribers — to go from 327 to 400 or 500 or 600. We would be willing to mail subscription information to good prospects. Especially if we could find one or more mailing lists where 10% of the persons would subscribe.

If you want "PURSUIT" to survive, how about helping us, with the names and addresses of 5 or 10 or 20 people you know who might be interested in subscribing?

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- solutions to great problems that are functioning well in some countries or places, yet are almost never talked about in the usual American press.

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# The Book "Coincidence or Conspiracy" by Michael Ewing, Compiler, and the Committee to Investigate Assassinations: Assessment Demonstrating Suppression of CIA Involvement

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This book - Bud Fensterwald's book - may be useful as a general reference guide for beginning students of the John F. Kennedy assassination. However, it is a very subtly misleading book, in that the reader would not draw from it the conclusion that there was any involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency in the assassination. Bud has always taken the stance since 1968, when I first met him, that, "I've seen no evidence linking the CIA to the JFK assassination." That has to be pure, misleading nonsense because he and I together saw plenty of such evidence. Bud maintained many files on CIA people whom we both knew were involved.

The key to the book is the search through the index for the names of a dozen or so CIA contract employees who participated in the assassination. The CTIA\* had copious files on these individuals, so Bud has no excuse for leaving them out of the book. You will not find any of their names anywhere in the book or the index. Most of these individuals appear in a scenario article, written by myself, which was published in "People and the PURSUIT of Truth" [Oct., 1975]. The House Select Committee on Assassinations is investigating all of them. Some were participants. Some were hangers-on and some were witnesses. All are important.

Any book purporting to be an honest portrayal of the JFK assassination can not possibly leave these people out. This is especially true when the book is by the author who possessed the most comprehensive files on the individuals.

The file on Richard Case Nagell, for example, was nearly two inches thick. Bud personally corresponded with Nagell for years. Why would he leave out the man who Dick Russell and I claim knows more about the assassination than anyone outside of the direct planning and execution teams?

Here is the list of CIA-related people omitted from Fensterwald's book:

- William Seymour: Fired shots at JFK
- Emilio Santana: Fired shots at JFK
- Jack Lawrence: Was on grassy knoll with a rifle
- "Frenchy": Fired shots at JFK
- Manuel Garcia Gonzalez: Knew No-Name-Key participants

- Ronald Augustinovich: Important CIA witness
- Richard Case Nagell: Important CIA witness
- Harry Dean: Important CIA witness
- Guy Gabaldin: Held plotting meetings in Mexico City
- Mary Hope: Important CIA witness
- Fred Lee Crisman: CIA domestic agent
- Thomas Beckham, New Orleans conspirator

The only explanation I can give for these important omissions is the same one I have been giving for my resignation from the Committee to Investigate Assassinations and my separation from association with Bud Fensterwald in 1974: He works for the CIA, either directly or indirectly.

No other explanation holds water. The key files on Nagell, Dean, Augustinovich, Gabaldin and the others have disappeared from the CTIA offices. They were there in November 1973 and were gone by mid-1975. What does that tell you?

It seems to me that readers have a right to know all of these facts about Mr. Fensterwald and his book. □

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I think "PURSUIT" should stop before too long. The presentation of new and useful material by trustworthy contributors must be a great problem today. The assassination subject has been expanded greatly so that it is difficult to cover it adequately. Publications like "Rolling Stone" and "Saga" can reach very large audiences but seem to lack follow-through and one-task staff members. But it will be a shame for the sun to set so early on "People and the PURSUIT of Truth."

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I think you should at least publish enough additional issues of "PURSUIT" to fulfill all current subscriptions. Otherwise you would have to rebate the pro rata share of the subscription price to cover the unmailed and unpublished issues. □

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